

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

BOUSTANI, Roland et al.

Examiner: John P. Lacyk

Serial No.: 10/516,350

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Title: GASTRIC RING

**REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2007, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows. A request for one month extension of is filed herewith.

Amendments and additions to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.